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In re Application of: )  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

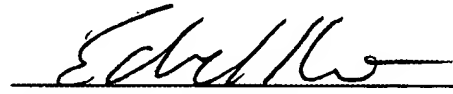
Further to the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 29, 2004,  
Applicants are submitting herewith an English language translation of Japan 8-065511, and  
partial English translations of Japan 5-292297 (Column 27-42, 55-78, 105, and Figures 1-5  
and 10-13), Japan 5-284339 (Column 48-70 and Figures 1 and 9-15) and Japan 63-182973  
(From "Embodiment" to "Advantages of the Invention" and Figures 1-3).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action  
following the filing of an RCE, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is  
timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this  
information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of  
the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to

indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 filed herewith and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication. In this regard, the enclosed Form PTO-1449 corresponds to the Form PTO-1449 filed with the July 29, 2004, but has been updated to reflect the submission of the enclosed translations in lieu of the previously submitted English-language abstracts. As such, the Examiner is requested to initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 instead of the Form PTO-1449 previously submitted with the July 29, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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